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SUBJECT: REPAIRS TO CHANCERY FACADE

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REFERENCE: STATE 102377

1. SOVIET ASSERTION THAT EMBASSY'S FASTENING OF PROJECTING METAL BEAM ON THE ROOF OF THE CENTRAL WING MUST BE TESTED FOR STABILITY BY THE SOVIETS REQUIRES SOVIET ACCESS TO THE ROOF. BY RETURN CABLE PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION AS TO HOW ACCESS TO THE ROOF WOULD BE MADE WITHOUT JEOPARDY TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OR OPERATIONS.

2. PRESUMABLY THE ROUTE WOULD BE TRAVERSED, INTERNALLY.

3. DOES THE ELEVATOR OR STAIRWELL TERMINATE AT AN UPPER FLOOR IN AN AREA WHERE CLASSIFIED OPERATIONS COULD BE OBSERVED OR OVERHEARD?

4. IF SO, CAN TEMPORARY PARTITION BE ERECTED TO ENSURE THAT VISUAL AND AUDIO PENETRATION OF CLASSIFIED OPERATIONS OR INFORMATION IS NOT POSSIBLE WHILE THE SOVIET INSPECTOR WOULD BE IN THE BUILDING ABOVE THE SIXTH FLOOR AND ON THE ROOF?

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